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Applicant: GILL Examiner: EVANS, J

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING THE THICKNESS OF A

SENSOR STACK IN A CURRENT-PERPENDICULAR-TO-PLANE

GMR/TUNNEL VALVE SENSOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached <u>Amendment</u>. The charge of \$120.00 will be made by credit card.

Respectfully Submitted,

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